

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1016 - SB 1501**

March 10, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004972):** Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for communicating a threat to a student on school property or at a school activity.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-13-114 establishes that communicating a threat to a school employee is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 days.
- The proposed legislation adds students as a group to which communicating a threat is also a punishable offense and establishes the conditions for when the offense has occurred.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, there have been no convictions under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-114 over the past five years.
- It is estimated that expanding the statute to apply to students will not result in sufficient number of Class B misdemeanor prosecutions for local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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